

20 December 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : EA/DCI

SUBJECT : Meeting with Secretary and Deputy Secretary
of Defense, Friday, 21 December 1984

1. You are scheduled to attend a working breakfast with Secretary Weinberger and Deputy Secretary Taft on Friday, 21 December 1984, 0745 hours, in the DCI Dining Room.
2. Per Defense, Secretary Weinberger will want to discuss the Budget.
3. For our part, you may wish to raise the following items:
 - Gorbachev in London. The Soviet leader quickly seized the initiative and apparently achieved what he wanted: to put public political pressure on the US at Geneva and the anticipated arms limitation talks. Talking points by Fritz Ermarth are at Tab A.

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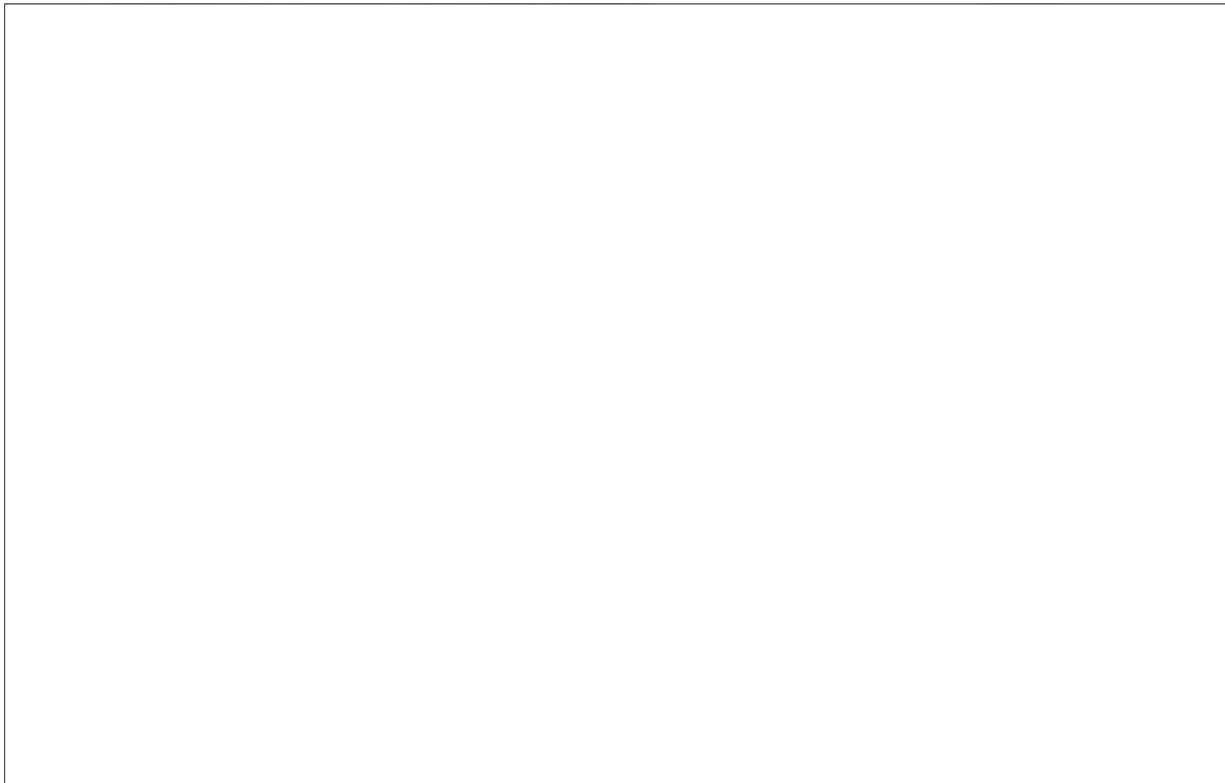
- Soviet Pressure on Pakistan/Chinese Moves. Soviets continue to increase political pressure on Pakistan. The Chinese, however, may have improved their credibility as an ally of Pakistan by

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By signalling their willingness to be involved in Pakistan's defense, the Chinese put an additional deterrent on Soviet, and Indian calculation. See Tab E for talking points.

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- Reaction of ASEAN Countries to Soviet Military Buildup and Chinese Military Modernization. At Tab H are talking points on the short and long term reactions expected from the ASEAN countries and Chinese military modernization. China is seen as the ultimate threat to the area, and ASEAN countries may consider improving relations with the USSR to counter PRC hegemony.

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- Soviet Leadership - Gorbachev Rebounds. At Tab J Fritz Ermarth describes some recent events which have enhanced Gorbachev's image as heir to Chernenko. Fritz notes that Gorbachev is vulnerable to overplaying his hand, but he seems to be particularly careful about this right now.



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